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Classified By: EconMinCouns Tom Delare for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Ambassador Srood R. Najib, Head of the International Organization & Multilateral Cooperation Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), said the Arab League Boycott (ALB) is not on the agenda of the current Organization for Islamic Conference (OIC) meeting in Jeddah (reftel). He also told us that Iraq's representatives would not participate in ALB discussions were they to occur. He said the formal agenda includes three main items: Palestinian peace; Iraq; and the recently-published Muhammad cartoons.

¶2. (C) Dr. Srood told us that Iraq's main goals for the OIC meeting are:

- Observe the OIC political process;
- Form an OIC committee charged with following-up on OIC Iraq resolutions and communicating with Iraq's MFA;
- Encourage OIC countries to open embassies in Iraq; and
- Condemn the Muhammad cartoons.

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